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1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SHIMA TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 11 THAT MISUBISHI SIGNING CONTRACT THAT DAY WITH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY FOR SEVEN FOLD EXPANSION OF BASRA CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANT WHICH IT HAD BUILT EARLIER. PRESS SAID NEW CAPACITY WOULD BE 1300 TONS OF UREA FERTILIZER PER DAY AND THAT PLANT WOULD CONSUME ABOUT 40 MILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL GAS PER DAY. CONTRUCTION TO TAKE 36 MONTHS.

2. WITH REGARD TO AP STORY THAT 4 JAPANESE COMPANIES SIGNED PROVISIONAL ACCORD WITH INOC TO EXTEND 500 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN IN RETURN FOR 100 MILLION TONS OF OIL AND 30 MILLION TONS OF LNG, SHIMA SAID REPORT WASL FALSE AS FAR AS HE KNOWS
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AND HE WAS CERTAIN SUCH A DEAL COULD NOT GO FORWARD WITHOUT

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GOJ AUTHORIZATION. SHIMA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS KIND OF PROJECT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO FACILITATE TO INSURE JAPAN'S LONG TERM ACCESS TO IRAQI PETROLEUM.

3. COMMENT: JAPANESE FIRMS SEEM TO BE MOST ACTIVE BIDDERS FOR FUTURE IRAQI LNG AND LPG. CHEMICO REPRESENTATIVE TOLD ME LAST OCTOBER THAT, JUST PRIOR TO IPC NATIONALIZATION, JAPANESE HAD TENTATIVELY ARRANGED 300 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FINANCING FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF LPG PLANT AND TERMINAL (80 MILLION) AND LNG PLANT (300 MILLION). PLAN WAS TO DO LPG PLANT FIRST. MEES OF AUGUST 24 REPORTED THAT MITSUBISH SIGNED 15 YEAR CONTRACT WITH INOC IN MARCH FOR 1.2 MILLION MTA OF LPG STARTING IN 1976. ENGINEERING FOR LNG PLANT NOW BEING DONE BY CHEMICO.

4. OTHER RECENT MAJOR CONTRACT CAPTURED BY JAPANESE IS 20 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT SIGNED IN JULY FOR IMPLEMENTING ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF COUNTRYWIDE MICROWAVE SYSTEM.
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